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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-40 (Canceled).

- 41. (Previously added) A method comprising:
- (a) providing a flow of fruit juice that is substantially free of insoluble fruit solids;
- (b) dividing the flow of fruit juice into at least a first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream;
- (c) treating the first juice stream to preferentially remove acidic compounds thereby creating an acids-enriched juice stream and an acids-reduced juice stream;
- (d) combining the acids-reduced juice stream with the second juice stream to create an acids-reduced fruit juice; and
- (e) combining the acids-enriched juice stream with the third juice stream create an acids-enriched fruit juice.
- 42. (Previously added) The method of claim 41, further comprising concentrating the acids-enriched fruit juice by removing a portion of the water therein.
- 43. (Previously added) The method of claim 41, further comprising concentrating the acids-reduced fruit juice by removing a portion of the water therein.
 - 44. (Previously added) The method of claim 41 wherein the fruit juice is cranberry juice.

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45. (Previously added) The method of claim 41 wherein the step of treating the first juice stream comprises nanofiltration.

- 46. (Previously added) The method of claim 41 further comprising combining the acids-enriched fruit juice with a different fruit juice to generate a blended juice product.
- 47. (Previously added) The method of claim 41 further comprising combining the acids-reduced fruit juice with a different fruit juice to generate a blended juice product.
- 48. (Previously added) The method of claim 41 further comprising drying the acids-enriched fruit juice to generate an acids-enriched fruit juice powder.
- 49. (Previously added) The method of claim 41 further comprising drying the acids-reduced fruit juice to generate an acids-reduced fruit juice powder.
 - 50. (Previously added) A method comprising:
- (a) providing a flow of vegetable juice that is substantially free of insoluble vegetable solids:
- (b) dividing the flow of vegetable juice into at least a first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream;
- (c) treating the first juice stream to preferentially remove acidic compounds thereby creating an acids-enriched juice stream and an acids-reduced juice stream;
- (d) combining the acids-reduced juice stream with the second juice stream to create an acids-reduced vegetable juice; and
- (e) combining the acids-enriched juice stream with the third juice stream create an acids-enriched vegetable juice.

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51. (Previously added) The method of claim 50, further comprising concentrating the acids-enriched vegetable juice by removing a portion of the water therein.

- 52. (Previously added) The method of claim 50, further comprising concentrating the acids-reduced vegetable juice by removing a portion of the water therein.
- 53. (Previously added) The method of claim 50 wherein the vegetable juice is tomato or pepper juice.
- 54. (Previously added) The method of claim 50 wherein the step of treating a first portion of the vegetable juice comprises nanofiltration.
- 55. (Previously added) The method of claim 50 further comprising combining the acids-enriched vegetable juice with a different vegetable juice to generate a blended juice product.
- 56. (Previously added) The method of claim 50 further comprising combining the acids-reduced vegetable juice with a different vegetable juice to generate a blended juice product.
- 57. (Previously added) The method of claim 50 further comprising drying the acids-enriched vegetable juice to generate an acids-enriched vegetable juice powder.
- 58. (Previously added) The method of claim 50 further comprising drying the acids-reduced vegetable juice to generate an acids-reduced vegetable juice powder.
- 59. (Previously added) The method of claim 41 wherein the step of dividing the flow of fruit juice into at least a first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream comprising passing the flow of fruit juice through a ration divert mechanism.

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60. (Previously added) The method of claim 50 wherein the step of dividing the flow of vegetable juice into at least a first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream comprising passing the flow of fruit juice through a ration divert mechanism.

61. (Previously added) The method of claim 41 wherein the weight fraction of fruit juice in the first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream are not the same.